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State Environmental Policy Act Determination of Non-Significance

Date: May 20, 2021

Name of Proposal: Jan Road Levee Setback Project

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Description of Proposal:

King County proposes to remove approximately 1,200 linear feet of the existing Jan Road Levee along the Cedar River to restore 14 acres of the floodplain. The project also includes construction of nearly a half mile of new aquatic habitat through the floodplain to improve natural river processes, function, and habitat for fish including ESA-listed Chinook salmon and steelhead. To maintain flood protection for people living in the floodplain, the County will relocate the levee away from the river to the maximum available alignment. Also, a 5-foot wide fish-passable box culvert will replace a 12-inch wide culvert pipe under an existing sole access road. Other elements to improve floodplain functions and provide benefits to salmonid habitat include large wood placement in the mainstem and floodplain side channels as well as the upland floodplain. Up to 71 pieces of large wood will be installed landward of OHWM along the bio-engineered relocated levee and another 353 pieces would be installed for habitat forming purposes in the side channel and as woody debris jams in and along the river.

The project will also provide the required mitigation for aquatic habitat impacts associated with the relocation of naturally occurring large wood within the Cedar River in 2017, in accordance with the 2017 Cedar River Wood Relocation Hydraulic Permit Approval (HPA). The HPA requires that the final mitigation plan be developed through collaboration with King County, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Fisheries Division (MITFD).

Location of Proposal:

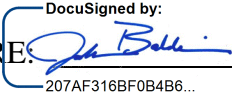
The project is located on the Cedar River between River Miles 12.9 and 13.4, approximately 1.2 miles northwest of the Hwy 169/SR 18 interchange, in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 04, Township 22N, Range 06E.

Responsible Official: Josh Baldi

Position/Title: Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division

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Proponent and Lead Agency: King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Water and Land Resources Division

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The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST (for a nominal photocopying fee) or by visiting <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wlr/sections-programs/river-floodplain-section/capital-projects/jan-road-neighborhood-improvements.aspx>.

This determination is based on the following findings and conclusions:

The proposal is not likely to have a significant adverse environmental impact. OR All potential impacts will be mitigated to a level of insignificance and the overall effect on the environment will be beneficial. *[Revise this rationale for non-significance –such as mitigation measures that adequately address potential impacts, summary of permit conditions, etc. as appropriate and delete this verbiage]*

THIS DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) is issued under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal until after **June 18, 2021**. (NOTE: Date must be at least 14 days from date of issuance) Comments must be submitted or postmarked by that date.

For additional information, please contact:

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There is no agency appeal of this determination.